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For: PROCESS TO IMPROVE OR PERMIT THE ORAL ABSORPTION OF POLYPEPTIDE DRUG SUBSTANCES AND OTHER POORLY ORALLY ABSORBED DRUGS WHILE MAINTAINING THEIR PHARMACOLOGICAL EFFECTS

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)1**

Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time in which to respond to an Office Action mailed July 1, 2004 in connection with the above-referenced patent application. With the extension, the deadline for response is November 1, 2004. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fee of \$55.00 and any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501402. **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

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